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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRIME MINISTER

1. QTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY. UNQTE

2. QTE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOUR COUNTRYMEN SHARE OUR GRIEF IS A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT AND CONSOLATION. I SHALL TRANSMIT YOUR MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY. LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY PRIME MINISTER.

4. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS TEXT OF PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT:

QTE THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT IS DEEPLY MOVED ON HEARING THE TRAGIC NEWS OF THE DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY. WHILE OFFERING TO YOU OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF OUR FEELINGS OF PROFOUND SYMPATHY COULD BE CONVEYED TO THE WIDOW AND THE ENTIRE FAMILY KENNEDY. P.J.S. DE JONG, PRIME MINISTER OF THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS.
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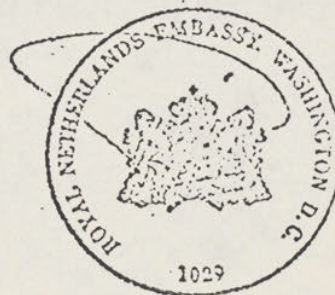
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Upon instructions of the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of the Netherlands the Ambassador of the Netherlands has the honor to convey the following message to the President of the United States of America.

"The Netherlands Government is deeply moved on hearing the tragic news of the death of Senator Robert Kennedy. While offering to you our sincere condolences I would be grateful if our feelings of profound sympathy could be conveyed to the widow and the entire family Kennedy".

P.J.S. de Jong,
Prime Minister of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

Washington, D.C.
June 6, 1968





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TO AMEMBASSY WELLINGTON

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO GOVERNOR
GENERAL SIR ARTHUR PORRITT:

1. QTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F.
KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON
BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY
DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY. UNQTE

2. QTE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOUR COUNTRYMEN SHARE OUR GRIEF
IS A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT AND CONSOLATION. I SHALL
TRANSMIT YOUR MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE
SENATOR'S FAMILY. LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NOT
OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY SIR ARTHUR PORRITT.

4. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS TEXT OF SIR ARTHUR PORRITT'S MESSAGE
TO THE PRESIDENT:

QTE I WAS DEEPLY DISTRESSED TO HEAR OF SENATOR ROBERT
KENNEDY'S DEATH. WOULD YOU PLEASE CONVEY MY DEEPEST
SYMPATHY TO MRS. KENNEDY AND HER CHILDREN. UNQTE
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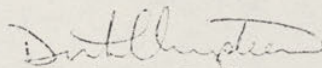
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: Message to the President from Governor General
Sir Arthur Porritt on the Death of Senator Kennedy

Enclosed is a telegram to the President from New Zealand
Governor General Sir Arthur Porritt expressing condolences on the
assassination of Senator Kennedy. A suggested reply is also
enclosed.


Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Suggested reply.
2. Telegram to the President
from Sir Arthur Porritt.

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

THE GOVERNOR GENERAL OF NEW ZEALAND HAS ASKED ME TO
PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO YOU

"I WAS DEEPLY DISTRESSED TO HEAR OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDYS
DEATH. WOULD YOU PLEASE CONVEY MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO MRS
KENNEDY AND HER CHILDREN"

F H CORNER AMBASSADOR OF NEW ZEALAND.

Arthur E. Perrett
Governor General

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1716
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SUBJ: NZ REACTION TO SHOOTING OF SENATOR KENNEDY

1. NZ HAS REACTED WITH SHOCK AND INCOMPREHENSION TO SHOOTING OF SENATOR KENNEDY. NEWS OF SHOOTING AND REPORTS OF SENATOR'S CONDITION RECEIVING MASSIVE NEWS MEDIA COVERAGE ALMOST WITHOUT PRECEDENT IN RECENT MEMORY. COVERAGE INCLUDES ALMOST UNHEARD OF STEPS OF NEWSPAPER EXTRA EDITIONS AND INTERRUPTION OF RADIO-TV PROGRAMS WITH SPOT BULLETINS. EMBASSY RECEIVING MANY TELEGRAMS AND INNUMERABLE PERSONAL EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY AND CONCERN.

2. PM HOLYOAKE HAS ISSUED FOLLOWING STATEMENT: QUOTE THIS IS AN APPALLING TRAGEDY. IT IS TERRIBLE THAT THIS

GIFTED YOUNG MAN SHOULD BE SO GRIEVOUSLY WOUNDED AT A PEAK OF HIS CAREER. WE CAN ONLY HOPE THAT, TERRIBLE THOUGH THE TRAGEDY IS, SENATOR KENNEDY'S LIFE WILL BE SPARED. I KNOW ALL NZEALANDERS WILL JOIN ME IN EXTENDING THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE SENATOR AND HIS FAMILY. UNQUOTE

3. PM TOLD PRESS HE HAD SENT FOLLOWING CABLE TO MRS. KENNEDY: QUOTE WE IN NZ WERE SHOCKED AND SADDENED BY THE NEWS OF THE ATTEMPT ON YOUR HUSBAND'S LIFE. ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY I SHOULD LIKE YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN TO KNOW THAT YOU HAVE OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND OUR PRAYERS FOR YOUR HUSBAND'S RECOVERY. UNQUOTE

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4. IN EDITORIAL ENTITLED QUOTE THE ANGUISH OF AMERICAN UNQUOTE, WELLINGTON EVENING POST COMMENTED AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE HORRIFIED THOUGH THE WORLD MIGHT BE AT THE SHOOTING OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY, IT IS STILL DIFFICULT TO COMPREHEND FULLY THE STUNNED DESPAIR WHICH MUST AT THIS MOMENT HOLD THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES IN ITS GRIP. POLITICAL ASSASSINATION, LONG THOUGHT TO HAVE BECOME A THING OF A MORE VIOLENT LAWLESS PAST, HAS REAPPEARED AS A FACTOR IN AMERICAN POLITICAL LIFE. UNQUOTE

5. WELLINGTON DOMINION EDITORIAL ENTITLED QUOTE GUN LAW IN THE STATES UNQUOTE CONCLUDED WITH WHAT APPEARS TO BE UNIVERSAL NZ REACTION: QUOTE NZEALANDERS, AT THIS TIME, WILL FEEL PARTICULARLY FOR THEM, I.E., KENNEDY FAMILY) AND GENERALLY FOR MANKIND EVERYWHERE WHICH CHERISH THE FREEDOM OF THE DEMOCRATIC WAY OF LIFE-- AND IS HORRIFIED TO OBSERVE THE EXCESSES IT SEEMS TO PERMIT. UNQUOTE. HENNING

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT SOMOZA:

1. QTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY. UNQTE

2. QTE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOUR COUNTRYMEN SHARE OUR GRIEF IS A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT AND CONSOLATION. I SHALL TRANSMIT YOUR MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY. LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY PRESIDENT SOMOZA.

4. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS TEXT OF PRESIDENT SOMOZA'S MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT:

QTE THE PEOPLE AND THE GOVERNMENT OF NICARAGUA STRONGLY CONDEMN ALL FORMS OF VIOLENCE, MAINLY THOSE WHICH DISTURB THE NORMAL PROCESSES OF YOUR GREAT DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM SO EXEMPLARILY LINKED TO OUR ASPIRATIONS. IN BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE AND THE GOVERNMENT OF NICARAGUA I EXPRESS TO YOU, TO THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OUR DEEP SYMPATHY

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FOR THE TRAGIC DECEASE OF THE HONORABLE SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY.
AFFECTIONATELY, A. SOMOZA. UNQTE. RUSK

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GOVERNMENT OF NICARAGUA I EXPRESS

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SUBJ: DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY

PRESIDENT SOMOZA HAS EXPRESSED TO ME ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE
OF NICARAGUA AND IN HIS OWN BEHALF THE DEEPEST SORROW OVER
THE DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY. HE REQUESTED THAT HIS MOST
SINCERE CONDOLENCES BE CONVEYED TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON.

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FROM : Amembassy MANAGUA

DATE: June 19, 1968

SUBJECT : Condolences on Death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy

REF : -

There follows an unofficial translation of Note No. 056, dated June 6, 1968, addressed to the Ambassador by the Minister of Foreign Relations of Nicaragua, Dr. Lorenzo Guerrero, expressing regret on the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy:

I have the honor to address Your Excellency to convey to you the sentiments of profound pain of the Nicaraguan People, of the Government of the Republic, and my own personal sentiments, on the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, renowned public servant of the United States of America and member of a distinguished family.

This lamentable occurrence brings mourning not only to the noble North American People, already put to hard test in 1963 with the untimely death of illustrious President John F. Kennedy and recently with the loss of the great leader Martin Luther King, but constitutes cause for deep consternation for the free peoples of the world who appreciate in just measure the virtues of nobleness, valor and moral integrity, all of which characterized the now deceased Senator Kennedy.

In this hour of sadness, will Your Excellency please transmit to the honorable Kennedy family the sentiments of condolence which engulf the Nicaraguan people in this sad hour; and I urge Your Excellency to accept the assurances of my highest and most distinguished consideration.

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This note has been acknowledged by the Embassy and is referred to the Department for possible compliance with the request contained in the last paragraph.

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT DIORI:

1. QTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY. UNQTE

2. QTE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOUR COUNTRYMEN SHARE OUR GRIEF IS A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT AND CONSOLATION. I SHALL TRANSMIT YOUR MESSAGES TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY. LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY PRESIDENT DIORI.

4. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS TEXT OF PRESIDENT DIORI'S TWO MESSAGES TO THE PRESIDENT AS RECEIVED FROM NIGER EMBASSY, WASHINGTON:

QTE DISTRESSED BY THE NEWS OF THE HEINOUS ATTEMPT AGAINST THE LIFE OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY, ONLY FIVE YEARS AFTER THE TRAGEDY OF DALLAS, THE GOVERNMENT OF NIGER ASSOCIATES ITSELF WITH YOUR MOVING STATEMENT AND ASK YOUR EXCELLENCY TO BE KIND ENOUGH TO TRANSMIT TO THE SENATOR AND TO HIS FAMILY

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THE MOST HEARTFELT SYMPATHY WITH WHICH MYSELF AND MY GOVERNMENT ARE FOLLOWING THIS TRAGIC EVENT. MY HIGHEST REGARDS. NIAMEY JUNE 5, 1968. DIORI HAMANI."

"JUNE 6, 1968. I HAVE JUST LEARNED OF THE TRAGIC NEWS OF THE DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY WHICH DISMAYS THE WHOLE WORLD. LIKE ALL FRIENDS OF THE UNITED STATES, WE HAVE FOLLOWED WITH ANXIETY THIS DRAMATIC EVENT. MAY I ASK YOUR EXCELLENCY TO BE KIND ENOUGH TO TRANSMIT TO SENATOR KENNEDY'S FAMILY EXPRESSION OF DEEP CONDOLENCES ON BEHALF OF THE NIGER GOVERNMENT AND MYSELF AND TO ACCEPT THE ASSURANCE OF MY HIGHEST REGARDS. DIORI HAMANI."
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TO AMEMBASSY LAGOS

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO GENERAL GOWON:

1. QTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ONI BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY. UNQTE

2. QTE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOU AND YOUR COUNTRYMEN HAVE THOUGHT OF US AND SHARE OUR GRIEF IS A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT AND CONSOLATION. I SHALL TRANSMIT YOUR MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY. LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY FMG.

4. ABOVE REPLY RESPONDS TO TEXT OF GENERAL GOWON'S MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT AS REPORTED LAGOS 9742. RUSK

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SUBJECT: GOWON SENDS CONDOLENCES ON DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY

1. GENERAL GOWON HAS SENT CONDOLENCE MESSAGES TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON AND MRS. ETHEL KENNEDY. AN FMG PRESS RELEASE OF JUNE 6, 1968 GAVE THE FULL TEXT OF MESSAGES AS FOLLOWS:

2. "TO MR. LYNDON B. JOHNSON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON: 'I HAVE RECEIVED WITH SHOCK AND DEEP GRIEF THE NEWS OF THE PREMATURE DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY IN SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES AS HIS LATE BROTHER, PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY. HIS DEATH IS NOT ONLY A LOSS TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE BUT TO MANKIND AS A WHOLE NOW DEPRIVED OF HIS DEVOTED CONSCIENTIOUS AND COURAGEOUS SERVICES.

"WE JOIN ALL MEN OF GOODWILL EVERYWHERE IN DEPLORING THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF HIS DEATH. MAY HIS SOUL REST IN PEACE. THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA JOIN ME IN SENDING YOU, THE KENNEDY FAMILY AND THE PEOPLE OF AMERICA, OUR VERY SINCERE CONDOLENCES. LET THOSE RESPONSIBLE SEARCH THEIR CONSCIENCE.

"WE WISH YOU EVERY SUCCESS IN YOUR EFFORTS TO PUT A STOP TO THE PERIODIC ASSASSINATION OF PROMINENT AND TALENTED SONS OF YOUR GREAT COUNTRY."

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3. 'TO MRS. ETHEL KENNEDY, 870 UNITED NATIONS PLAZA, NEW YORK, U.S.A.' I AND ENTIRE PEOPLE OF NIGERIA, HAVE RECEIVED WITH PROFOUND INDIGNATION THE SAD NEWS OF THE PREMATURE DEATH OF YOUR BELOVED HUSBAND FROM THE HANDS OF AN ASSASSIN. THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA JOIN ME IN SENDING OUR SINCEREST CONDOLENCES TO YOU AND THE ENTIRE KENNEDY FAMILY.

'WE APPRECIATE THE UNTOLD GRIEF INTO WHICH YOU IN PARTICULAR AND THE FAMILY HAVE BEEN PLUNGED BY THIS RECKLESS ACT WHICH IS DIFFICULT TO EXPLAIN. BY HIS DEATH MANKIND HAS LOST THE DEVOTED SERVICES TO HUMANITY OF A CAPABLE AND BRILLIANT

YOUTH. AN INSPIRATION FOR US THE YOUNG.

'WE EARNESTLY PRAY TO GOD TO GIVE YOU THE COURAGE TO

BEAR THIS IRREPARABLE LOSS WITH FORTITUDE. KNOWING HOW CLOSE THE KENNEDY FAMILY ARE TO GOD, MAY HE IN HIS GRACE,

CONTINUE TO SUSTAIN AND ENDOW THE FAMILY WITH MORE GRACE AND FAVOUR.

'TO THE ENTIRE KENNEDY FAMILY WHO HAVE ALREADY LOST A MEMBER IN SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY IN THE SERVICE OF THEIR DEAR COUNTRY AND MANKIND, GRATEFUL CONVEY OUR DEEPEST SORROW SYMPATHY AND THE ASSURANCES OF OUR PRAYERS.

'MAY HIS SOUL REST IN PEACE.''
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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

BY COMMAND OF HIS MAJESTY THE KING I HAVE THE HONOUR TO EXTEND
MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY IN THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY
ARNE GUNNENG AMBASSADOR OF NORWAY.

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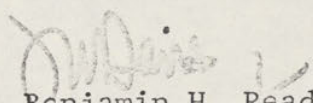
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Suggested Reply to Norwegian
Ambassador's Telegram of
Condolence to the President
on the Death of Senator Robert
F. Kennedy

Since Ambassador Gunneng states that he
offers condolence at the command of King Olav,
we recommend that the President reply directly
to Ambassador Gunneng.

A draft letter of reply is enclosed.


Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosure:

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Suggested Reply

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for the words of sympathy that the King has asked you to convey.

The knowledge that His Majesty shares our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

His Excellency
Arne Gunneng,
Ambassador of Norway,
Washington.

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Incoming Message

The President

The White House

By command of His Majesty the King I have the honour to extend my deepest sympathy in the tragic death of Senator Robert Kennedy.

Arne Gunneng Ambassador of Norway

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TO HIS EXCELLENCY DR. JOSE A. MORA P.O. BOX 268

ST. THOMAS VIRGIN ISLANDS

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THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. I WISH TO EXPRESS MY DEEP APPRECIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON RUSK

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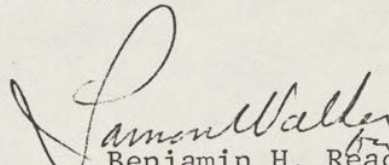
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Telegram to the President
from José A. Mora

José A. Mora, former Secretary General to the Organization of American States, has sent a telegram to the President expressing his condolences on the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

The Department believes that, in view of Dr. Mora's position, he should receive a telegram reply in similar language to that being used for replies to foreign dignitaries.

As Dr. Mora is presently at his vacation home in the U.S. Virgin Islands and will be there for the immediate future, such a telegram would be sent via direct commercial channels.


Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Suggested reply.
2. Telegram from Dr. Mora

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Suggested Reply

His Excellency
Dr. Jose A. Mora
P. O. Box 268
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. I wish to express my deep appreciation for your words of sympathy.

Lyndon B. Johnson

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His Excellency
Dr. Jose A. Mora
P. O. Box 268
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

ALLOW ME TO PRESENT TO YOU AND THE GOVERNMENT OF
UNITED STATES MY PROFOUND SORROW AND SYMPATHY IN THIS SAD OCCASION
WITH MY DEEP FAITH IN AMERICA RESPECTFULLY YOURS

JOSE A MORA FORMER SECRETARY GENERAL OAS.

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT
AYUB:

1. QTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F.
KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON BEHALF
OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST
APPRECIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY. UNQTE

2. QTE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOUR COUNTRYMEN SHARE OUR GRIEF IS
A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT AND CONSOLATION. I SHALL TRANSMIT
YOUR MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S
FAMILY. LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO
OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY GOP.

4. FOLLOWINGN FYI, IS TEXT OF PRESIDENT AYUB'S MESSAGE TO THE
PRESIDENT: QTE WE HAVE BEEN DEEPLY SHOCKED IN PAKISTAN TO
LEARN OF THE CRUEL DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY. AN
ASSASSIN'S BULLET HAS CUT SHORT AT ITS PRIME THE LIFE OF A
DISTINGUISHED AMERICAN WHO HAD AHEAD OF HIM MANY YEARS OF
DEDICATED SERVICE TO HIS COUNTRY. WE MOURN HIS LOSS AND
OUR HEARTS GO OUT IN SYMPATHY TO MEMBERS OF THE BEREAVED FAMILY
AND TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. PLEASE CONVEY MR. PRESIDENT OUR
HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO MRS. KENNEDY AND TO OTHER MEMBERS OF
THE LATE SENATOR'S FAMILY. WE PRAY THAT GOD MAY GIVE THEM

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COURAGE AND STRENGTH TO BEAR THIS IRREPARABLE LOSS. MUHAMMAD
AYUB KHAN PRESIDENT OF PAKISTAN UNQTE. RUSKI

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The President

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

WE HAVE BEEN DEEPLY SHOCKED IN PAKISTAN TO LEARN OF THE CRUEL DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY (.) AN ASSASSIN'S BULLET HAS CUT SHORT AT ITS PRIME THE LIFE OF A DISTINGUISHED AMERICAN WHO HAD AHEAD OF HIM MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO HIS COUNTRY (.) WE MOURN HIS LOSS AND OUR HEARTS GO OUT IN SYMPATHY TO MEMBERS OF THE BEREAVED FAMILY AND TO THE AMERICAN

PEOPLE (.) PLEASE CONVEY MR PRESIDENT OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO MRS KENNEDY AND TO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE LATE SENATOR'S FAMILY (.) WE PRAY THAT GOD MAY GIVE THEM COURAGE AND STRENGTH TO BEAR THIS IRREPARABLE LOSS (.)

MUHAMMAD AYUB KHAN PRESIDENT OF PAKISTAN



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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT MESSAGE SENT TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON BY
ARNULFO ARIAS ON DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY: QTE PROFUNDAMENTE
CONDOLIDOS Y HORRORIZADOS POR LA TRAGICA MUERTE DEL SENADOR
ROBERT F. KENNEDY, HACEMOS LLEGAR A VUESTRA EXCELENCIA Y POR
SU DIGNO CONDUCTO AL PUEBLO DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS NUESTRA
EXPRESION DE DUELO POR LA IRREPARABLE PERDIDA QUE HA SUFRIDO
EL GENERO HUMANO.

DR. ARNULFO ARIAS
PRESIDENTE-ELECTO DE LA
REPUBLICA DE PANAMA UNQTE

2. BECAUSE OF SENSITIVE POST-ELECTORAL PERIOD, BELIEVE
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT SHOULD BE MADE FROM AMBASSADOR TO DR. ARIAS
RATHER THAN VIA MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT JOHNSON, AS IS BEING
DONE IN CASE OF SIMILAR MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM PRESIDENT ROBLES.
IF YOU PERCEIVE NO OBJECTION, YOU SHOULD SEND FOLLOWING
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO ARIAS:

QTE DEAR DR. ARIAS:

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PRESIDENT JOHNSON HAS ASKED THAT I EXPRESS HIS DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR YOUR MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY ON THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY. YOUR MESSAGE WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY.
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSESubject: Message of Condolence to the President
from Panamanian President-Elect Arnulfo Arias
on Death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy

Panamanian President-Elect Arias has sent the enclosed message to President Johnson on the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Arias' opponents are still attempting legal maneuvers to challenge his credentials as President-Elect and have accused the United States Government of assisting Arias' campaign. In view of these circumstances the President did not send a message of congratulations to Arias at the time he was proclaimed President-Elect. For the same reasons it is recommended that acknowledgment of Arias' message concerning Senator Kennedy not come directly from the President. Instead, it is suggested that our Ambassador to Panama be instructed to send a written acknowledgment to Arias on behalf of the President. A proposed telegram of instructions to our Ambassador is enclosed. We propose, in addition, that the text of the language previously approved by the White House be sent in reply to a message of condolence from President Robles.

Benjamin H. Read
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Proposed telegram
2. Message from President-Elect Arias
dated June 6
3. Message from President Robles

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT ROBLES:

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. UNQTE
2. QTE The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE
3. White House does not rpt not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by President Robles.
4. Following, FYI, is English text of Robles message to the President: QTE The North American people have lost one of their pillars with the violent passing of Senator Robert Kennedy, paladin of democracy, whose image will remain unforgettable in the minds and hearts of all the free men in the world. Through

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ARA - Miss Eltz
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you I will express to the United States Government and people the sorrow felt by all Panamanians and my personal sympathy for the loss of one who was called to give his support to the incessant search for peace and progress for humanity. UNQTE

5. Robles also sent message in Spanish following shooting. Text, which received White House on June 5, as follows: QTE Honda consternacion me causo el alevoso atentado a la persona del distinguido Senador Robert Kennedy, autentico defensor de las libertades humanas y verdadero exponente del sentimiento norteamericano. Por vuestro digno conducto expreso al gobierno y pueblo norteamericano el repudio de los panamenos por acto tan vil y ruego al Todopoderoso la salvacion del honorable ciudadano Kennedy. UNQTE

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Message from Dr. Arnulfo Arias
Translation

Panama
June 6, 1968

The President

The White House

Deeply grieved and appalled by the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, I convey to Your Excellency and through you to the people of the United States my expression of sympathy for the irreparable loss that mankind has suffered.

Dr. Arnulfo Arias
President-Elect of Panama

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1. Following is text message sent to President Johnson by Arnulfo Arias on death of Senator Kennedy: OTE Profundamente condolidos y horrorizados por la tragica muerte del Senador Robert F. Kennedy, hacemos llegar a Vuestra Excellencia y por su digno conducto al pueblo de los Estados Unidos nuestra expresion de duelo por la irreparable perdida que ha sufrido el genero humano.

Dr. Arnulfo Arias

Presidente-Electo de la

Republica de Panama UNOTE

2. Because of sensitive post-electoral period, believe acknowledgement should be made from Ambassador to Dr. Arias rather than via ~~RESESE~~ message from President Johnson, as is being done in case of similar message received from President Robles. If you perceive no objection, you should send following acknowledgement to Arias:

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ARA-Robert M. Sayre

ARA - Miss Eltz

S/CPR - Miss Nichols (substance)

ARA/PAN - Mr. Sharp

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QTE Dear Dr. Arias:

President Johnson has asked that I express his deepest appreciation for your message of sympathy on the tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Your message will be transmitted to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. UNOTE

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Proposed Telegram of Instructions to Embassy Panama

Suggested Reply

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Dr. Arnulfo Arias

Presidente-Electo de la

Republica de Panama UNQTE

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untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Your message
will be transmitted to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the
Senator's family. UNQTE

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Message to the President from President Robles of Panama

The North American people have lost one of their pillars with the violent passing of Senator Robert Kennedy, paladin of democracy, whose image will remain unforgettable in the minds and hearts of all the free men in the world. Through you I will express to the United States Government and people the sorrow felt by all Panamanians and my personal sympathy for the loss of one who was called to give his support to the incessant search for peace and progress for humanity.

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

PROFUNDAMENTE CONDOLIDOS Y HORRORIZADOS POR LA TRAGICA MUERTE DEL
SENADOR ROBERT F KENNEDY HACEMOS LLEGAR A VUESTRA EXCELENCIA
Y POR SU DIGNO CONDUCTO AL PUEBLO DE ESTADOS UNIDOS NUESTRA
EXPRESION DE DUELO POR LA IRREPARABLE PERDIDA QUE HA SUFRIDO
EL GENERO HUMANO

DR ARNULFO ARIAS PRESIDENTE ELECTO DE LA REPUBLICA DE PANAMA



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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT ROBLES:

1. QTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY. UNQTE

2. QTE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOUR COUNTRYMEN SHARE OUR GRIEF IS A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT AND CONSOLATION. I SHALL TRANSMIT YOUR MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY. LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT RPT NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY PRESIDENT ROBLES.

4. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS ENGLISH TEXT OF ROBLES MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT: QTE THE NORTH AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE LOST ONE OF THEIR PILLARS WITH THE VILENT PASSING OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY, PALADIN OF DEMOCRACY, WHOSE IMAGE WILL REMAIN UNFORGETTABLE IN THE MINDS AND HEARTS OF ALL THE FREE MEN IN THE WORLD. THROUGH YOU I WILL EXPRESS TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE THE SORROW FELT BY ALL PANAMANIAN AND MY PERSONAL SYMPATHY FOR THE LOSS OF ONE WHO WAS CALLED TO GIVE

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HIS SUPPORT TO THE INCESSANT SEARCH FOR PEACE AND PROGRESS FOR HUMANITY. UNQTE

5. ROBLES ALSO SENT MESSAGE IN SPANISH FOLLOWING SHOOTING. TEXT, WHICH RECEIVED WHITE HOUSE ON JUNE 5, AS FOLLOWS:
QTE HONDA CONSTERNACION ME CAUSO EL ALEVOSO ATENTADO A LA PERSONA DEL DISTINGUIDO SENADOR ROBERT KENNEDY, AUTENTICO DEFENSOR DE LAS LIBERTADES HUMANAS Y VERDADERO EXPONENTE DEL SENTIMIENTO NORTEAMERICANO. POR VUESTRO DIGNO CONDUCTO EXPRESO AL GOBIERNO Y PUEBLO NORTEAMERICANO EL REPUDIO DE LOS PANAMENOS POR ACTO TAN VIL Y RUEGO AL TODOPODEROSO LA SALVACION DEL HONORABLE CIUDADANO KENNEDY. UNQTE RUSK

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

I WISH TO TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT
OF PANAMA.

EXCELENTISIMO SENOR LYNDON B. JOHNSON PRESIDENTE DE LOS ESTADOS
UNIDOS DE NORTEAMER CASA BLANCA WASHINGTON D.C.

HONDA CONSTERNACION ME CAUSO EL ALEVOSO ATENTADO A LA PERSONA

DEL DISTINGUIDO SENADOR ROBERT KENNEDY, AUTENTICO DEFENSOR
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NORTEAMERICANO EL REPUBIO DE LOS PANAMENOS POR ACTO TAN VIL
Y RUEGO AL TODO PODEROSO LA SALVACION DEL HONORABLE CIUDADANO
KENNEDY. SINCERAMENTE,

MARCO A ROBLES PRESIDENTE CONSTITUCIONAL DE LA REPUBLICA
DE PANAMA JORGE T VELASQUEZ AMBASSADOR.



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1. FOLLOWING IS TRANSLATION OF MESSAGE FROM MAX DELVALLE TO
PRESIDENT ON DEATH SENATOR KENNEDY.

QTE THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY HAS
DEEPLY MOVED MY COUNTRY. HE SYMBOLIZED IN THE UNITED
STATES THE NOBLEST EFFORTS TO TRANSFORM LIFE AND THE WORLD
FOR THE GOOD OF MANKIND. FOR THAT REASON WE BELIEVE THAT
THE GRIEF OF THE UNITED STATES WILL INDEED AROUSE DEEP SORROW
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. WITH SINCERE SENTIMENTS OF HIGH
CONSIDERATION, I REMAIN, RESPECTFULLY YOURS, MAX DELVALLE
UNQTE

2. WE BELIEVE WRITTEN ACKNOWLEDGMENT NOT RPT NOT DESIRABLE.
HOWEVER, IF EMBASSY CONCURS, SUGGEST AMBASSADOR ORALLY
EXPRESS GRATITUDE TO DELVALLE FOR MESSAGE. RUSK

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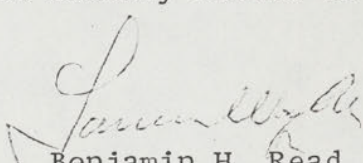
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSESubject: Message to the President from Panamanian
First Vice President Max Delvalle on the
Death of Senator Kennedy

Panamanian First Vice President Max Delvalle has sent the President the enclosed message of condolences on the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Delvalle was proclaimed Constitutional President of Panama in March 1968 when the opposition-controlled National Assembly tried unsuccessfully to remove President Marco Robles. Although Robles has remained in office and in control of the Government, Delvalle has never formally relinquished his claim to be the legitimate President.

As a high-ranking government official (his status as First Vice President is unchallenged) and a prominent member of the opposition group that won the May 1968 elections, Delvalle would merit a reply. However, the confusion surrounding his claim on the Presidency and the sensitivities of the various Panamanian political factions argue against any written message. Accordingly, we recommend that our Ambassador in Panama be instructed to acknowledge orally receipt of Delvalle's message. A suggested telegram of instructions to Embassy Panama is enclosed for your approval.

Enclosures:

1. Suggested reply
2. Incoming message from
Max Delvalle dated June 6


Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

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Suggested Telegram to Embassy Panama

Following is translation of message from Max Delvalle to President on death Senator Kennedy.

QTE The tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has deeply moved my country. He symbolized in the United States the noblest efforts to transform life and the world for the good of mankind. For that reason we believe that the grief of the United States will indeed arouse deep sorrow throughout the world. With sincere sentiments of high consideration, I remain, respectfully yours,

Max Delvalle UNQTE

We believe written acknowledgment not rpt not desirable. However, if Embassy concurs, suggest Ambassador express gratitude to Delvalle for message.

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THE HONORABLE LYNDON B. JOHNSON
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY HAS DEEPLY MOVED
MY COUNTRY. HE SYMBOLIZED IN THE UNITED STATES THE NOBLEST
EFFORTS TO TRANSFORM LIFE AND THE WORLD FOR THE GOOD OF MAN-
KIND. FOR THAT REASON WE BELIEVE THAT THE GRIEF OF THE UNITED
STATES WILL INDEED AROUSE DEEP SORROW THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.
WITH SINCERE SENTIMENTS OF HIGH CONSIDERATION, I REMAIN,
RESPECTFULLY YOURS,

MAX DELVALLE



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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT BELAUNDE:

1. QTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY. UNQTE.

2. QTE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOUR COUNTRYMEN SHARE OUR GRIEF IS A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT AND CONSOLATION. I SHALL TRANSMIT YOUR MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY. LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE.

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY PRESIDENT BELAUNDE.

4. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS ENGLISH TEXT OF PRESIDENT BELAUNDE'S MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT:

QTE I WISH TO EXPRESS TO YOUR EXCELLENCY OUR DEEP CONSTERNATION OVER THE DEATH OF THE ILLUSTRIOUS SENATOR, ROBERT KENNEDY. HIS DEATH, RESULTING FROM VIOLENCE IN SOCIAL AND POLITICAL AFFAIRS, PROMPTS US TO CONDEMN SUCH METHODS THAT ATTACK HUMAN LIBERTY AND DIGNITY, WHICH HAVE ALWAYS BEEN THE TRADITION OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE

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FOUNDATION OF THEIR POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS. SENATOR KENNEDY'S DEATH IS ESPECIALLY DEPLORED IN PERU SINCE, DURING HIS TOUR OF THIS CONTINENT, HE REVEALED TO US HIS NOBLE POLITICAL IDEAS, DIRECTED TOWARD A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROBLEMS FACING OUR COUNTRIES IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE CLOSE AND JUST COOPERATION BETWEEN THE LATIN AMERICAN REPUBLICS AND THE UNITED STATES.

REITERATING TO YOUR EXCELLENCY THE SORROW OF THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF PERU, I HAVE THE HONOR OF RENEWING TO YOUR EXCELLENCY THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST PERSONAL CONSIDERATION. FERNANDO BELAUNDE TERRY, CONSTITUTIONAL PRESIDENT OF PERU. UNQTE
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JOINT STATE/USIS MESSAGE

1. LIMA MEDIA, PUBLIC OPINION IN GENERAL DISPLAYED PROFOUND REVULSION TODAY OVER ASSASSINATION SEN. KENNEDY, WITH OPINIONS RANGING FROM SIMPLE EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY TO OUTBURSTS OVER CRIMINAL CONSPIRACIES IN U.S. TO SILENCE VOICES OF PROGRESS. CRIME LINKED BY MEDIA TO ASSASSINATIONS MARTIN LUTHER KING AND PRESIDENT KENNEDY. AMONG MORE MODERATE STATEMENTS WERE FOLLOWING FROM PRESIDENT BELAUNDE AND CARDINAL JUAN LANDAZURI RICKETTS, HEAD OF PERUVIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH.

2. IN MESSAGE TO WIFE OF SEN. KENNEDY, PRESIDENT BELAUNDE SAID: "HONDAMENTE IMPRESIONADO POR INCALIFICABLE ATENTADO CONTRA GRAN CIUDADANO AMIGO SENADOR KENNEDY EXPRESO A USTED Y A SUS HIJOS MI SOLIDARIDAD EN ESTA HORA Y RUEGO ALI ALTI- SIMO RESTABLEZCA PRECIADA SALUD SU ILUSTRE ESPOSO".

3. IN PUBLIC STATEMENT, CARDINAL LANDAZURI SAID "QUE ESTE TRISTE ACONTECIMIENTO SIRVA DE OCASION PARA REFLEXIONAR QUE EL CRIMEN Y LA VIOLENCIA NO CONDUCE A NADA POSITIVO Y QUE MAS BIEN, CONSTITUYEN UNA NEGACION DE LOS DERECHOS HUMANOS, BASE A TODA DEMOCRACIA Y DEL PROGRESO SOCIAL".

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4. SEVERAL PAPERS PUBLISHED "MAN-IN-STREET" INTERVIEWS, WITH OPINIONS EXPRESSED VARYING FROM SHOCK AND CONDEMNATION TO EXPRESSIONS OF SORROW FOR KENNEDY FAMILY.

5. EDITORIAL COMMENTS CALLED ATTENTION TO WAVE OF VIOLENCE IN U.S. TO TOTALITARIAN TENDENCIES, TO CONSPIRACIES AND POSSIBLE PLOTS. SEVERAL PAPERS CALLED FOR END OF HATE AND RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF REASON. EL COMERCIO, PERU'S LEADING DAILY, SAID:

6. "EN TODO EL PLANETA, HOMBRES, MUJERES Y NIÑOS... MUESTRAN EN UNA EXTRAÑA MEZCLA DE INCRECULIDAD Y DE ESTUPOR, EL REPUDIO UNIVERSAL DE TODOS LOS SERES HUMANOS POR LA INSENSATA VIOLENCIA QUE PRETENDE ARRANCAR DE RAIZ EL SENTIMIENTO QUE LOS LIDERES DEL PUEBLO NORTEAMERICANO PROFESA POR LA JUSTICIA, LA DEMOCRACIA Y LA PAZ".

7. EDITORIAL QUOTES VARIOUS STATEMENTS OF SHOCK FROM AROUND THE WORLD, AND CONCLUDES:

8. "ES UNA HORA DIFICIL PARA LA DEMOCRACIA AMERICANA, UNA HORA DE MEDITACION PARA ESE GRAN PUEBLO QUE SEGURAMENTE SE ESTA PREGUNTANDO LO MISMO QUE NOSOTROS. LAS BALAS NO PODRAN ACABAR CON LA FE EN LA JUSTICIA. EL ODIO NO LOGRARA SUS NEGROS PROPOSITOS. EL SENADOR KENNEDY SIMBOLIZA, HOY, LA LUCHA POR LA LIBERTAD HUMANA EN LOS CINCO CONTINENTES".

9. EXPRESO EDITORIAL BLAMED CRIME ON "POWERFUL MAFIAS" AS WELL AS PSYCHOLOGICAL FACTORS PRODUCED BY THREE WARS. EDITORIAL SAID, IN PART:

10. "A NEW AND SAVAGE POLITICAL ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT HAS SHAKEN THE WORLD, FILLING THE UNITED STATES WITH SHAME AND SORROW, A COUNTRY IN WHICH POLITICAL CRIME SEEMS TO CONVERT ITSELF INTO A COMMON ARM TO SILENCE THE MOST BRILLIANT AND PROGRESSIVE MEN. THE NATION WHICH MADE FREEDOM, ESPECIALLY FREEDOM OF THOUGHT, A NATIONAL MYSTIQUE, SEEMS TO BE PASSING THROUGH A PATHOLOGICAL PROCESS OF VIOLENCE".

11. EXPRESO'S WIDELY-READ COLUMNIST MANUEL D'ORNELLAS SAID ANY OF VARIOUS U.S. GROUPS COULD BE BEHIND ATTEMPT -- POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, RACIAL OR RELIGIOUS OR GANGSTER UNDERWORLD.

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12. EDITORIAL IN CORREO SAID "CRIME OF LOS ANGELES HORRIFIES ENTIRE WORLD" WHILE LA PRENSA STATED THAT "METHODS OF VIOLENCE AND MURDER DESERVE UNIVERSAL REPUDIATION". LA CRONICA BESEECHED GOD TO AID MANKIND PUT AN END TO CRIME AND HOMICIDE.

13. ALL PAPERS PUBLISHED COPIOUS WIRE SERVICE ACCOUNTS, INCLUDING PHOTOS OF ASSASSINATION, SEN. KENNEDY'S BACKGROUND, STATEMENTS FROM WORLD LEADERS, STORIES OF EXTREMIST GROUPS, ETC. CARTER

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT JOHNSON TO PRESIDENT MARCOS

1. QTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY. UNQTE
2. QTE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOUR COUNTRYMEN SHARE OUR GRIEF IS A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT AND CONSOLATION. I SHALL TRANSMIT YOUR MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY. LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE
3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY PRESIDENT MARCOS.
4. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS TEXT OF PRESIDENT MARCOS' MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT:

QTE IN BEHALF OF THE FILIPINO PEOPLE I WISH TO EXPRESS THROUGH YOUR EXCELLENCY THE SENSE OF IRREPARABLE LOSS THAT WE FEEL OVER THE UNTIMELY AND TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY. MRS. MARCOS JOINS ME IN CONVEYING THE SORROW WE SHARE WITH YOU. PRESIDENT MARCOS. UNQTE
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PRESIDENT JOHNSON

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DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY STOP MRS MARCOS JOINS ME IN

CONVEYING THE SORROW WE SHARE WITH YOU

² PRESIDENT MARCOS

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SUBJECT: CONDOLENCE MESSAGE ON SENATOR KENNEDY

PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO GOVERNOR.

1. QTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY. UNQTE

2. QTE I SHALL TRANSMIT YOUR MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY. LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY SIR HUMPHREY GIBBS.
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SUBJ: GOVERNOR'S PRIVATE MESSAGE ON KENNEDY SHOOTING.

1. GOVERNOR SIR HUMPHREY GIBBS ASKED ME LAST NIGHT TO SEND TO KENNEDY FAMILY AND TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON HIS PRIVATE EXPRESSION OF SHOCK, GRIEF AND DEEPEST SYMPATHY OVER ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION SENATOR KENNEDY. GOVERNOR POINTED OUT THAT UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES IN RHODESIA HE COULD NOT SEND WRITTEN MESSAGE PURPORTING TO SPEAK FOR RHODESIANS AS WHOLE BUT HE WAS SURE HE EXPRESSED FEELINGS OF ALL DECENT RHODESIANS.

2. WHEN CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT, BELIEVE IT WOULD OFFER SOME MILD ENCOURAGEMENT TO GOVERNOR IN HIS LONELY ROLE HERE IF SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT COULD BE MADE OF HIS MESSAGE.

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO THEIR EXCEL-
LENCIES MARINO BENEDETTO BELLUZZI AND DANTE ROSSI, CAPTAINS
REGENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY FEDERICO BIGI, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN
AFFAIRS, REPUBLIC OF SAN MARINO:

1. QTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F.
KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON BEHALF
OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST
APPRECIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY. UNQTE

2. QTE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOUR COUNTRYMEN SHARE OUR GRIEF
IS A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT AND CONSOLATION. I SHALL TRANSMIT
YOUR MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S
FAMILY. LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO
OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY RECIPIENTS.

4. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS ENGLISH TEXT OF CAPTAINS REGENT'S AND
SECRETARY'S MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT:

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QTE THE BRUTAL CRIME THAT TOOK THE YOUNG AND NOBLE LIFE OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY HAS DEEPLY MOVED THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE REPUBLIC OF SAN MARINO. AT THIS TIME, WHEN THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE AGAIN SADDENED BY A BARBARIC ACT OF VIOLENCE, RESULTING IN THE TRAGIC DEATH OF A VALIANT CHAMPION OF THE IDEALS OF FREEDOM, DEMOCRACY, JUSTICE AND CIVIC EQUALITY ON WHICH THE VERY EXISTENCE OF THE AMERICAN NATION IS BASED, WE WISH TO EXPRESS TO YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, OUR PERSONAL HEARTFELT SYMPATHY AND THE SINCERE SHARING BY THE PEOPLE OF SAN MARINO IN THE GRIEF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. MARINO BENEDETTO BELLUZZI, DANTE ROSSI, CAPTAINS REGENT; FEDERICO BIGI, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS. UNQTE
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1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT SENGHOR FROM
PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

BEGIN QUOTE I WAS DEEPLY TOUCHED BY YOUR MESSAGE ON THE
ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR KENNEDY AND WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY
DEEP APPRECIATION FOR YOUR CONCERN AND THAT OF THE SENEGALESE
PEOPLE. KNOWING THAT YOU SHARE OUR GRIEF IS A GREAT CONSOLATION
TO ME AND TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. LYNDON B. JOHNSON END QUOTE

2. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO
OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY PRESIDENT SENGHORA.

3. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS TRANSLATION OF PRESIDENT SENGHOR'S MESSAGE
TO THE PRESIDENT: QUOTE THE TRAGEDY THAT HAS ONCE MORE PUT THE
U.S. IN MOURNING WITH THE HORRIBLE OUTRAGE COMMITTED UPON ROBERT
KENNEDY HAS DISMAYED ALL SENEGALESE. IN THESE SAD CIRCUMSTANCES
I SEND YOU EXPRESSION OF OUR DEEP EMOTION AND OUR SYMPATHIES.
HIGHEST REGARD. LEOPOLD SEDAR SENGHOR. END QUOTE. RUSK

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1. FOLLOWING IS FRENCH TEXT OF MESSAGE CABLED DIRECTLY
TO MRS. ROBERT F. KENNEDY LAST NIGHT BY PRESIDENT SENGHOR:
QUOTE - DANS LA CRUELLE EPREUVE QUI FRAPPE EN LA PERSONNE
DU SENATEUR ROBERT F. KENNEDY TOUTE VOTRE FAMILLE ET LA
NATION AMERICAINE JE VOUS PRIE D'AGREER POUR MONSIEUR
ROBERT KENNEDY ET POUR VOUS MEME L'EXPRESSION DE MA TRISTE
SYMPATHIE - UNQUOTE

2. FRENCH TEXT OF SECOND TELEGRAM SENT BY PRESIDENT SENGHOR
TO MRS. KENNEDY THIS MORNING IS:
QUOTE - JE VIENS D'APPRENDRE QUE LE SENATEUR ROBERT F.
KENNEDY N'EST PLUS. VOTRE DEUIL EST AUSSI NOTRE DEUIL CAR
ROBERT KENNEDY A TOUJOURS DEFENDU LA LIBERTE ET LA
DIGNITE DES NOIRS. LE PEUPLE ET LE GOUVERNEMENT SENAGALAIS
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1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT SENGHOR FROM VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY:

QTE THE DEATH OF LAMINE GUEYE WILL LEAVE A GREAT VOID IN THE RANKS OF WORLD STATESMEN. HIS LIFELONG DEDICATION TO HIS COUNTRY AND TO DEMOCRATIC IDEALS ASSURES HIM A PLACE IN THE HEARTS OF FUTURE GENERATIONS. I EXTEND TO YOU AND TO HIS FAMILY MY HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES ON THIS SAD OCCASION.

SIGNED HUBERT H. HUMPHREY
VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA AND
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE END QTE

2. VICE PRESIDENT DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY PRESIDENT SENGHOR. RUSK

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRIME
MINISTER STEVENS:

1. QTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT
F. KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON
BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST
APPRECIATION FOR YOUR MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY. UNQTE

2. QTE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOUR COUNTRYMEN SHARE OUR GRIEF
IS A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT AND CONSOLATION. I SHALL
TRANSMIT YOUR MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE
SENATOR'S FAMILY. LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS
NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY SIERRA LEONEAN GOVERNMENT.
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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT
SHERMARKE:

1. QUOTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F.
KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON BEHALF
OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST
APPRECIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY. UNQTE

2. WQTE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOUR COUNTRYMEN SHARE OUR GRIEF
IS A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT AND CONSOLATION. I SHALL TRANSMIT
YOUR MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S
FAMILY. LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO
OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY PRESIDENT SHERMARKE.

4. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS TEXT OF SHERMARKE'S MESSAGE TO THE
PRESIDENT:

QTE I HAVE LEARNT WITH DEEP SORROW ABOUT THE DEATH OF
SENATOR KENNEDY WHICH HAS SHOCKED THE ENTIRE SOMALI NATION.
PLEASE ACCEPT YOURSELF AND EXTEND TO MRS. KENNEDY AND OTHER
MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY OF THE LATE SENATOR THE DEEPEST
CONDOLENCES OF THE SOMALI PEOPLE, GOVERNMENT AND MYSELF FOR THIS
SAD BEREAVEMENT. ACCEPT MR. PRESIDENT THE ASSURANCES OF MY

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HIGHEST ESTEEM. ABDIRASHID ALI SHERMARKE. RUSK

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

I HAVE LEARNED WITH DEEP SORROW ABOUT THE DEATH OF SENATOR
ROBERT KENNEDY WHICH HAS SHOCKED THE ENTIRE SOMALI NATION
STOP PLEASE ACCEPT YOURSELF AND EXTEND TO MRS KENNEDY AND OTHER
MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY OF THE LATE SENATOR THE DEEPEST CONDOLENCES
OF THE SOMALI PEOPLE COMMA GOVERNMENT AND MYSELF FOR

THIS SAD BEREAVEMENT STOP ACCEPT MR PRESIDENT THE ASSURANCES

OF MY HIGHEST ESTEEM

ABDIRASHID ALI SHERMARKE PRESIDENT OF SOMALI REPUBLIC.



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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRIME MINISTER:

1. QTE ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I
EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY.
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2. QTE YOU MAY BE ASSURED THAT I SHALL TRANSMIT YOUR MESSAGE
TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY. LYNDON
B. JOHNSON UNQTE

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS
NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY PRIME MINISTER.

4. FOLLOWING, FYI IS TEXT OF PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE
TO THE PRESIDENT:

QTE WE IN SOMALIA ARE SHOCKED TO HEAR OF THE TRAGIC DEATH
OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY AND ON BEHALF OF THE SOMALI
GOVERNMENT AND IN MY OWN NAME WE EXTEND TO THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA OUR MOST SINCERE CONDOLENCES
ON THIS SAD OCCASION. WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF OUR DEEPEST
SENTIMENTS OF SORROW BE CONVEYED TO MRS. KENNEDY AND OTHER
MEMBERS OF THE BEREAVED FAMILY. HIGHEST CONSIDERATIONS.
MOHAMED IBRAHIM EGAL PRIME MINISTER OF THE SOMALI REPUBLIC.
UNQTE *RUSK*

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO CHIEF OF STATE:

1. QTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY. UNQTE

2. QTE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOUR COUNTRYMEN SHARE OUR GRIEF IS A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT AND CONSOLATION. I SHALL TRANSMIT YOUR MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY. LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY GOS.

4. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS ENGLISH TEXT OF CHIEF OF STATE'S MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT:

QTE VERY DEEPLY AFFECTED BY SAD NEWS DEATH SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY WHO IN FULL YOUTH WAS TOTALLY DEDICATED TO WORK FOR HIS COUNTRY IN THIS HOUR OF PROFOUND READJUSTMENT WHICH THE WORLD IS EXPERIENCING. I BEG YOU TO ACCEPT IN MY NAME, THAT OF THE GOVERNMENT, AND THAT OF ALL THE SPANISH PEOPLE, THE MOST SINCERE EXPRESSION OF OUR SYMPATHY FOR SUCH A TRAGIC LOSS. FRANCISCO FRANCO, CHIEF OF THE SPANISH STATE. UNQTE. RUSK

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

MUY DOLOROSAMENTE IMPRESIONADO POR TRISTISIMA NOTICIA
FALLECIMIENTO SENADOR ROBERT F KENNEDY CUANDO EN PLENA
JUVENTUD ESTABA DEDICADO TOTALMENTE A TRABAJAR POR SU PAIS
EN ESTA HORA DE PROFUNDO REAJUSTE POR QUE ATRAVIESA EL
MUNDO LE RUEGO ACEPTO EN MI NOMBRE EL DEL GOBIERNO Y EL DE
TODO EL PUEBLO ESPANOL LA EXPRESION MAS SINCERA DE NUESTRO

SENTIMIENTO POR TAN TRAGICA PERDIDA.

FRANCISCO FRANCO JEFE DEL ESTADO ESPANOL



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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO MINISTER
PRESIDENT

1. QTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT
F. KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON
BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST
APPRECIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY. UNQTE

2. QTE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOUR COUNTRYMEN SHARE OUR GRIEF
IS A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT AND CONSOLATION. I SHALL
TRANSMIT YOUR MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S
FAMILY. LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS
NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY MINISTER PRESIDENT.
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MINISTER PRESIDENT PENGEL REQUESTS FOLLOWING MESSAGE BE
DELIVERED TO THE PRESIDENT.

BEGIN TEXT - THE PEOPLE OF SURINAM ARE DEEPLY SHOCKED BY
THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY. I OFFER MY
GOVERNMENT'S AND PEOPLE'S CONDOLENCES AND PRAY THAT UNDER
YOUR EMINENT LEADERSHIP VIOLENCE MAY BE CURBED, NOT ONLY
IN YOUR NATION BUT IN THE WHOLE WORLD AND THAT MEN MAY
BELIEVE AND LIVE THE GOLDEN RULE. JOHAN PENGEL, PRIME MINISTER
OF SURINAM. END TEXT
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PLS PASS FOLLOWING MSG FROM PRESIDENT TO PRIME MINISTER ERLANDER:

1. QUOTE IT IS A CONSOLATION TO KNOW, IN THIS TIME OF SADNESS, THAT OUR TRAGIC LOSS IS SHARED BY MEN OF PEACE AND GOOD-WILL THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. I DEEPLY APPRECIATE YOUR CONSIDERATE MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE ON THE DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY. LYNDON B. JOHNSON END QUOTE.

2. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN RELEASE MESSAGE BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY PRIME MINISTER.

3. FYI, FOLLOWING IS MSG FROM PRIMIN RECD BY WHITE HOUSE: QUOTE DEEPLY SHOCKED BY THE CRUEL ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY. I SEND YOU IN THE NAME OF THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT BY FEELINGS OF PROFOUND GRIEF AND DEEP SYMPATHY. THE LOSS OF THIS PROMINENT AMERICAN CITIZEN IS PROFOUNDLY REGRETTEED BY THE WHOLE SWEDISH PEOPLE. END QUOTE. RUSK

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PLS PASS FOL MSG FROM PRESIDENT TO KING GUSTAF:

1. QTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY. UNQTE

2. QTE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOUR COUNTRYMEN SHARE OUR GRIEF IS A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT AND CONSOLATION. I SHALL TRANSMIT YOUR MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY. LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY KING.

4. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS TEXT OF KING GUSTAF'S MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT:

QTE PROFOUNDLY MOVED BY THE CRUEL AND TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY. I EXPRESS MY FEELING OF SINCERE SYMPATHY AND PROFOUND GRIEF. GUSTAF ADOLF R UNQTE
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Suggested Reply to Swedish Prime Minister's
Telegram of Condolence to the President on
the Death of Senator Robert Kennedy

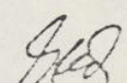
The President has received telegrams of condolence on the death of Senator Robert Kennedy from the King of Sweden and the Prime Minister of Sweden. The text of the reply previously approved by the White House is being used to respond to the King's message. Enclosed is a suggested reply to Prime Minister Erlander's telegram for your approval. We will plan to send the two messages simultaneously.


Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Suggested Reply
2. Prime Minister Erlander's Message

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Suggested Reply

It is a consolation to know, in this time of sadness, that our tragic loss is shared by men of peace and good-will throughout the world. I deeply appreciate your considerate message of condolence on the death of Senator Robert Kennedy.

Lyndon B. Johnson

His Excellency
Tage Erlander,
Prime Minister of Sweden,
Stockholm.

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO KING GUSTAF:

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. UNQTE
2. QTE The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE
3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by King.
4. Following, FYI, is text of King Gustaf's message to the President:

QTE Profoundly moved by the cruel and tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. I express my feelings of sincere sympathy and profound grief. Adolf R. Gustaf. UNQTE

END

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Please pass following message from President to
Prime Minister Erlander:

1. QUOTE It is a consolation to know, in this
time of sadness, that our tragic loss is shared by
men of peace and good-will throughout the world. I
deeply appreciate your considerate message of condolence
Lyndon B. Johnson
on the death of Senator Robert Kennedy. END QUOTE.

2. White House does not plan ~~REP~~ release message
but has no objection to release by Prime Minister.

3. FYI, following is message from Prime Minister
received by White House: QUOTE Deeply shocked by the
cruel assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. I
send you in the name of the Swedish Government my feelings
of profound grief and deep sympathy. The loss of this
prominent American citizen is profoundly regretted by the
whole Swedish people. END QUOTE.

END

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S/S - Alan Parker ~~XXXX~~

White House -

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

DEEPLY SHOCKED BY THE CRUEL ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR ROBERT
F KENNEDY I SEND YOU IN THE NAME OF THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT
MY FEELINGS OF PROFOUND GRIEF AND DEEP SYMPATHY STOP THE LOSS
OF THIS PROMINENT AMERICAN CITIZEN IS PROFOUNDLY REGRETTED BY THE
WHOLE SWEDISH PEOPLE

TAGE ERLANDER PRIME MINISTER

Sweden

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

PROFOUNDLY MOVED BY THE CRUEL AND TRAGIC DEATH OF
SENATOR ROBERT F KENNEDY I EXPRESS MY FEELINGS OF SINCERE
SYMPATHY AND PROFOUND GRIEF

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

DEEPLY SHOCKED BY THE CRUEL ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR ROBERT
F KENNEDY I SEND YOU IN THE NAME OF THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT
MY FEELINGS OF PROFOUND GRIEF AND DEEP SYMPATHY STOP THE LOSS
OF THIS PROMINENT AMERICAN CITIZEN IS PROFOUNDLY REGRETTED BY THE
WHOLE SWEDISH PEOPLE

TAGE ERLANDER PRIME MINISTER



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FOR USDEL TO ILO

1. PRESIDENT HAS RECEIVED TELEGRAM OF CONDOLENCE FROM DAVID MORSE OF ILO. PLEASE TRANSMIT FOLLOWING ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

2. QTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY.

3. QTE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR OFFICE SHARES OUR GRIEF IS A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT AND CONSOLATION. I SHALL TRANSMIT YOUR MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY. SIGNED LYNDON B. JOHNSON. UNQTE.

4. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE TEXT OF MESSAGE BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY ILO. RUSK

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT EYADEMA:

1. QTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY CAME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON BEHALF OF THE

PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY DURING THE AGONIZING HOURS BETWEEN THE ATTEMPT ON THE LIFE OF SENATOR KENNEDY AND HIS SUBSEQUENT UNTIMELY DEATH.

2. QTE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOU SHARED OUR CONCERN DURING THAT GRIEVOUS PERIOD WAS A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT AND CONSOLATION. YOUR MESSAGE HAS BEEN TRANSMITTED TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY. LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY GRD.

4. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS TEXT OF PRESIDENT EYADEMA'S MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT:

QTE WE WERE DEEPLY AFFECTED BY THE NEWS OF THE DASTARDLY

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ATTEMPT ON THE LIFE OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY. PLEASE
CONVEY TO HIM AND HIS FAMILY OUR VERY SINCERE WISHES FOR
A PROMPT RECOVERY. VERY HIGH CONSIDERATION. GENERAL ETIENNE
EYADEMA UNQTE. RUSK

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PASS TO WHITE HOUSE FOR PRESIDENT LYNDON JOHNSON

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QUOTE TO HIS EXCELLENCY MR. JOHNSON
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
WASHINGTON

361/T/PR/AE WE WERE DEEPLY AFFECTED BY THE NEWS OF THE
DASTARDLY ATTEMPT ON THE LIFE OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY.
PLEASE CONVEY TO HIM AND TO HIS FAMILY OUR VERY SINCERE
WISHES FOR A PROMPT RECOVERY. VERY HIGH CONSIDERATION.

GENERAL ETIENNE EYADEMA

PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TOGO LOME UNQUOTE RUSK

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS:

1. QTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY. UNQTE

2. QTE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOU SHARE OUR GRIEF IS A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT AND CONSOLATION. I SHALL TRANSMIT YOUR MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY. LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY PRIME MINISTER.

4. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS TEXT OF PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT SENT THROUGH TRINIDAD EMBASSY, WASHINGTON:

QTE PERMIT ME TO EXPRESS DEEP SENSE OF SHOCK AND SADNESS AT THE ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY. THE UNITED STATES HAS LOST ONE OF ITS DISTINGUISHED SONS; THIS DASTARDLY ACT BY AN INDIVIDUAL IS CONDEMNED BY PEOPLES ALL OVER THE WORLD WHO RECOGNISE IT AS BEING COMPLETELY CONTRARY TO THE PRINCIPLES OF DEMOCRACY WHICH THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES STAND FOR AND VALIANTLY DEFEND. I JOIN IN MOURNING HIS LOSS. UNQTE

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT
BOURGUIBA:

1. QTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT
F. KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON
BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY
DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY. UNQTE.
2. QTE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOUR COUNTRYMEN SHARE OUR GRIEF
IS A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT AND CONSOLATION. WE FEEL
PARTICULARLY CLOSE TO THEM AND TO YOU AFTER YOUR STATE VISIT
TO OUR COUNTRY LAST MONTH. I SHALL TRANSMIT YOUR MESSAGE
TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY. LYNDON
B. JOHNSON. UNQTE.
3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS
NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA.
4. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS (ENGLISH) TEXT OF PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA'S
MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT:

QTE THE CRUEL BLOW WHICH HAS ONCE AGAIN STRUCK THE KENNEDY
FAMILY AND THE ENTIRE AMERICAN NATION HAS PROFOUNDLY MOVED
THE TUNISIAN PEOPLE. IN THESE SORROWFUL CIRCUMSTANCES I ADDRESS

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TO YOU IN MY OWN NAME AS WELL AS IN THAT OF THE TUNISIAN
GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE MY SINCERE CONDOLENCES AS WELL AS THE
EXPRESSION OF MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY. UNQTE.
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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

LE DEUIL CRUEL QUI VIEN DE FRAPPER UNE FOIS DE PLUS LA FAMILLE
KENNEDY ET LA NATION AMERICAINE TOUT ENTIERE A PROFONDEMENT
3 EMU LE PEUPLE TUNISIEN EN CETTE DOULOURESE
CIRCONSTANCE JE VOUS-ADRESSE TAN EN MON NOM PERSONNEL
QU EN CELUI DU GOUVERNEMENT ET DU PEUPLE TUNISIEN MES SINCERE
2 CONDOLEANCES AINST QUE L EXPRESSION DE MA PROFONDE SYMPATHIE
HABIB BOURGUIBA PRESIDENT DE LA REPUBLICUQ TUNISIENNE.



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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT SUNAY:

1. QTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY. UNQTE.

2. QTE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOUR COUNTRYMEN SHARE OUR GRIEF IS A SOURCE OF GREAT CONFORT AND CONSOLATION. I SHALL TRANSMIT YOUR MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY. LYNDON B. JOHNSON. UNQTE.

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY SUNAY.

4. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS TEXT OF SUNAY'S MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT:

QTE WE ARE DEEPLY DISTRESSED THAT ONE OF THE MOST OUTSTANDING SONS OF AMERICA, IN THE PRIME OF LIFE, AND ON THE THRESHOLD OF A GREAT AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO HIS COUNTRY BECAME THE VICTIM OF A HATEFUL ASSASSINATION. ON BEHALF OF THE TURKISH PEOPLE AND MYSELF I OFFER TO YOU AND TO THE FRIENDLY AND ALLIED AMERICAN NATION MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCES. CEVDET SUNAY UNQTE.

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5. REPLY TO MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT FROM DEMIREL BEING SENT BY
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1. PLS PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRIME MINISTER:
DEMIREL:

QUOTE I AM DEEPLY MOVED BY YOUR KIND MESSAGE ON THE TRAGIC
DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY. ALL AMERICANS ARE GRATEFUL
FOR THE SYMPATHY WHICH YOU AND YOUR GOVERNMENT HAVE EXTENDED
TO US. LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQUOTE.

2. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO
OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY DEMIREL.

3. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS TEXT OF DEMIREL'S MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT:

QUOTE I HAVE LEARNED WITH DEEP SORROW OF THE PASSING THIS
MORNING OF DISTINGUISHED SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY. ON
BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY AND MYSELF
I OFFER YOU MY DEEP AND HEARTFELT SYMPATHY ON THIS GRIEVOUS
LOSS TO THE AMERICAN NATION. SULEYMAN DEMIREL, PRIME MINISTER
OF TURKEY. UNQUOTE.

4. REPLY TO MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT FROM SUNAY BEING SENT BY SEPTTEL.
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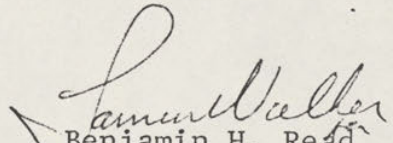
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Proposed Presidential Reply to Message
from Turkish Prime Minister on Death of
Senator Kennedy

Enclosed is a message dated June 7 from Prime
Minister Demirel of Turkey expressing his sorrow over
the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. The standard
reply which has already been approved by the White House
is being sent to Turkish President Sunay in answer to
his condolence message of the same date to the President.

The Department recommends that the enclosed Presidential
reply be sent to Prime Minister Demirel's message.

We propose to sent both messages simultaneously,
following approval of the Demirel message.


Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Proposed Reply to Prime Minister
Demirel's Message
2. Prime Minister Demirel's June 7 Message

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PROPOSED PRESIDENTIAL REPLY TO PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL
OF TURKEY

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I am deeply moved by your kind message on
the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.
All Americans are grateful for the sympathy which
you and your Government have extended to us.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

His Excellency
Lyndon B. Johnson,
President of the United States of America,
Washington, D. C.

I have learned with deep sorrow of the passing this morning of distinguished Senator Robert F. Kennedy. On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Turkey and myself I offer you my deep and heartfelt sympathy on this grievous loss to the American Nation.

Süleyman Demirel

Prime Minister of
Turkey.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Messages of Condolence on Shooting
and Death of Senator Kennedy

In addition to messages from Prime Minister Eshkol of Israel, Apostolic Delegate Raimondi, and President Pacheco of Uruguay referred by Mr. Bromley Smith on June 5, the Department has received messages for the President from President Sunay of Turkey, Governor General Michener of Canada, President Khama of Botswana, and Cardinal Cicognani, Vatican Secretary of State. All of these messages were dispatched before Senator Kennedy's death.

Copies of the Sunay, Michener, Khama, and Cicognani messages are enclosed.

Also enclosed is draft language which the Department recommends be used as appropriate in reply to these and subsequent messages. This recommendation supersedes that of the Department's memorandum (S/S 8316) of June 5.

BHR

Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

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Suggested Language

The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a deep shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I want to express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy.

I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation to us.

Lyndon B. Johnson

June 5, 1968.

HIS EXCELLENCY
LYNDON B. JOHNSON,
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

I LEARNED WITH GREAT REGRET AND SHOCK OF THE TREACHEROUS
ATTEMPT ON THE LIFE OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY IN
CALIFORNIA TODAY.

I PROFOUNDLY SYMPATHIZE WITH THE FEELINGS OF YOUR EX-
CELLENCY AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

ON BEHALF OF THE TURKISH PEOPLE AND ON MY OWN BEHALF
I SHOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR DEEP SORROW AND CONVEY OUR
MOST SINCERE WISHES FOR SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY'S
SPEEDY AND COMPLETE RECOVERY.

CEVDET SUNAY
PRESIDENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF TURKEY

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT
LAMIZANA:

1. QTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F.
KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON BEHALF
OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRE-
CIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY. UNQTE

2. QTE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOUR COUNTRYMEN SHARE OUR GRIEF IS
A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT AND CONSOLATION. I SHALL TRANSMIT YOUR
MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY.
LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO
OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY PRESIDENT LAMIZANA.

4. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS ENGLISH TEXT OF PRESIDENT LAMIZANA'S TWO
MESSAGES TO THE PRESIDENT:

QTE WE ARE SHOCKED AND DISMAYED AT THE TRAGIC PASSING OF SENATOR
ROBERT KENNEDY. ON THIS TRAGIC OCCASION, WE EXPRESS TO YOU,
ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF UPPER VOLTA, OUR
GRIEF-FILLED CONDOLENCES. FOLLOWING JOHN KENNEDY AND DR. MARTIN
LUTHER KING, ROBERT KENNEDY HAS NOW ALSO FALLEN A MARTYR IN THE
CAUSE OF EQUALITY AMONG MEN, UNDERSTANDING AMONG PEOPLES, AND

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PEACE. THE UPPER VOLTAN PEOPLE SHARE THE GRIEF THAT NOW WEIGHS UPON THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. HIGH CONSIDERATION. GENERAL SANGOULE LAMIZANA PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF UPPER VOLTA. UNQTE.

QTE WE BEG YOU TO CONVEY THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO THE KENNEDY FAMILY: ALL THE PEOPLE OF UPPER VOLTA WERE HORRIFIED AND FILLED WITH INDIGNATION AT THE COWARDLY ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY. IN TRANSMITTING THEIR GRIEF-FILLED CONDOLENCES, I BEG YOU TO ACCEPT THEIR SINCERE SYMPATHY. VERY HIGH CONSIDERATION. GENERAL SANGOULE LAMIZANA PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF UPPER VOLTA. UNQTE. RUSK

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

NR 50311/PRES/AET. WE ARE SHOCKED AND DISMAYED AT THE TRAGIC PASSING OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY. ON THIS TRAGIC OCCASION, WE EXPRESS TO YOU, ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF UPPER VOLTA, OUR GRIEF-FILLED CONDOLENCES. FOLLOWING JOHN KENNEDY AND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, ROBERT KENNEDY HAS NOW ALSO FALLEN, A MARTYR IN THE CAUSE OF EQUALITY AMONG MEN, UNDERSTANDING AMONG PEOPLES, AND PEACE. THE UPPER VOLTAN PEOPLE SHARE THE GRIEF THAT NOW WEIGHS UPON THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. HIGH CONSIDERATION:.

GENERAL SANGOULE LAMIZANA, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF UPPER VOLTA.

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

NR 50312/PRES/AET. WE BEG YOU TO CONVEY THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO THE KENNEDY FAMILY: ALL THE PEOPLE OF UPPER VOLTA WERE HORRIFIED AND FILLED WITH INDIGNATION AT THE COWARDLY ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY. IN TRANSMITTING THEIR GRIEF-FILLED CONDOLENCES, I BEG YOU TO ACCEPT THEIR SINCERE SYMPATHY. VERY HIGH CONSIDERATION.

CENERAL SANCOULE LAMIZANA, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF UPPER VOLTA.

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

NR 50312/PRES/AET VOUS PRIONS TRANSMETTRE A FAMILLE KENNEDY
MESSAGE DONT TENEUR SUIT LE PEUPLE VOLTAIQUE TOUT ENTIER
A ETE TERRIFIER ET PROFONDEMENT INDIGNE DEVANT LE LACHE
ASSASSINAT DU SENATEUR ROBERT KENNEDY ET VOUS TRANSMETTANT
SES CONDOLEANCES LES PLUS ATTRISTEES VOUS PRIE DE CROIRE A SA
SINCERE COMPASSON STOP TRES HAUTE CONSIDERATION

GENERAL SANGOULE LAMIZANA

PRESIDENT DE LA REPUBLIQUE DE HAUTE VOLTA

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

NR 50311/PRES/AET NOUS APPRENNONS AVEC STUPEUR ET CONSTERNATION
LA TRAGIQUE DISPARITION DU SENATEUR ROBERT KENNEDY STOP EN
CETTE DOULOUREUSE CIRCONSTANCE NOUS VOUS ADRESSONS AU NOM DU
GOUVERNEMENT ET DU PEUPLE VOLTAIQUES NOS CONDOLEANCES LES
PLUS ATTRISTEES STOP APRES JOHN KENNEDY APRES LE PASTEUR M LUTHER
KING ROBERT KENNEDY VIENT DE TOMBER AUSSI EN MARTYR

POUR LA CAUSE DE L EGALITE ENTRE LES HOMMES POUR LA
COMPREHENSION ENTRE LES PEUPLES ET POUR LA PAIX STOP LE PEUPLE
VOLTAIQUE COMPATIT A LA DOULEUR QUI FRAPPE LE PEUPLE
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GENERAL SANGOULE LAMIZANA

PRESIDENT DE LA REPUBLIQUE DE HAUTE VOLTA



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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT PACHECO:

1. QTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY. UNQTE

2. QTE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOUR COUNTRYMEN SHARE OUR GRIEF IS A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT AND CONSOLATION. I SHALL TRANSMIT YOUR MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY. LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY PRESIDENT PACHECO.

4. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS TEXT OF PRESIDENT PACHECO'S MESSAGES, DATED RESPECTIVELY JUNE 5 AND JUNE 6, TO THE PRESIDENT:

QTE HONRAME PRESENTAR VUESTRA EXCELENCIA HONDO SENTIMIENTO GOBIERNO Y PUEBLO URUGUAY POR ALEVOSO ATENTADO CONTRA SENADOR ROBERT KENNEDY MANIFESTANDO NUESTROS MAS FERVIENTES VOTOS POR RAPIDO Y COMPLETO RESTABLECIMIENTO ILUSTRE PACIENTE STOP RECIBA VUESTRA EXCELENCIA LAS SEGURIDADES DE MIS MAS ALTO CONSIDERACION. JORGE PACHECO ARECO UNQTE

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QTE PROFUNDAMENTE EMOCIONADO TENGO HONOR PRESENTAR VUESTRA
EXCELENCIA MAS SENTIDAS CONDOLENCIAS GOBIERNO Y PUEBLO URUGUAY POR
IRREPARABLE PERDIDA EMINENTE SENADOR ROBERT KENNEDY COMA CUYO
FALLECIMIENTO ENLUTA NO SOLAMENTE A LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS DE AMERICA
SINO TAMBIEN A TODO EL MUNDO DEMOCRATICO STOP REITERO A VUESTRA
EXCELENCIA LAS SEGURIDADES DE MI MAS ALTA CONSIDERACION. JORGE
PACHECO ARECO UNQTE. RUSK

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PRESIDENTE DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS DE AMERICA

CASA BALANCA WASHINGTON

PROFUNDAMENTE EMOCIONADO TENDO HONOR PRESENTAR

VUESTRA EXCELENCIA MAS SENTIDAS CONDOLENCIAS

GOBIERNO Y PUEBLO URUGUAY POR IRREPARABLE

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CUYO FALLECIMIENTO ENLUTA NO SOLAMENTE A LOS

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EL MUNDO DEMOCRATICO STOP REITERO A VUESTRA

EXCELENCIA LAS SEGURIDADES DE MI MAS ALTA

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JORGE PACHECO ARECO PRESIDENTE DE LA REPUBLICA

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HIS EXCELLENCY
LYNDON B. JOHNSON
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

I EXPRESS TO YOUR EXCELLENCY THE DEEP SYMPATHY OF THE GOVERNMENT AND
PEOPLE OF URUGUAY FOR THE TREACHEROUS ASSAULT AGAINST SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY,
AND OUR MOST FERVENT WISHES FOR THE RAPID AND COMPLETE RECOVERY OF THE
DISTINGUISHED VICTIM. ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST
CONSIDERATION.

JORGE PACHECO ARECO

PRESIDENT OF URUGUAY

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DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS DE AMERICA CASA BLANCA WASHINGTONDC
HONROME PRESENTAR VUESTRA EXCELENCIA HONDO SENTIMIENTO GOBIERNO
Y PUEBLO URUGUAY POR ALEVOSO ATENTADO CONTRA SENADOR ROBERT
KENNEDY MANIFESTANDO NUESTROS MAS FERVIENTES VOTOS POR RAPIDO Y
COMPLETO RESTABLECIMIENTO ILUSTRE PACIENTE STOP RECIBA VUESTRA
EXCELENCIA LAS SEGURIDADES DE MI MAS ALTA CONSIDERACION

JORGE PACHECO ARECO PRESIDENTE DEL URUGUAY

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT
RAUL LEONI

1. QTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F.
KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON BEHALF
OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRE-
CIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY. UNQTE

2. QTE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOUR COUNTRYMEN SHARE OUR GRIEF IS
A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT AND CONSOLATION. I SHALL TRANSMIT YOUR
MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY.
LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO
OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY PRESIDENT LEONI.

4. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS (ENGLISH) TEXT OF PRESIDENT LEONI'S
MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT:

STE DEEPLY MOVED BY THE GRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F.
KENNEDY, I WISH TO CONVEY TO THE NOBLE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED
STATES AND TO YOUR EXCELLENCY'S GOVERNMENT THE HEARTFELT EXPRES-
SIONS OF CONDOLENCE OF THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF VENEZUELA,
AS WELL AS MY OWN. RAUL LEONI. UNQTE. RUSK

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June 7, 1968.

Excellency:

I have the honor to request the good offices of
Your Excellency to transmit the following message to His
Excellency The President of the United States:

"Caracas, June 6, 1968.

His Excellency Lyndon B. Johnson
President of the United States of America
Washington, D.C.

Deeply moved by the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy,
I wish to convey to the noble people of the United States and
to Your Excellency's Government the heartfelt expressions of
condolence of the people and Government of Venezuela, as well
as my own. RAUL LEONI, President of the Republic of Venezuela".

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your
Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

Carlos Pérez de la Cova
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim

His Excellency
DEAN RUSK
Secretary of State
Washington, D.C.



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PLS PASS FOL MSG FROM PRESIDENT JOHNSON TO PRESIDENT THIEU:

1. QTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY. UNQTE.

2. QTE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOU AND YOUR COUNTRYMEN SHARE OUR GRIEF IS A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT AND CONSOLATION. I SHALL TRANSMIT YOUR MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY. LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY PRESIDENT. RUSK

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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER FROM PRESIDENT THIEU TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON WHICH WAS SENT JUNE 7 AND RELEASED TO PRESS SAME DAY:

QTE. MR. PRESIDENT,

I WAS GREATLY SHOCKED TO LEARN THAT SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY HAD FALLEN VICTIM OF A WANTON AND SENSELESS ASSASSINATION.

SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY DEVOTED ALL HIS ACTIVE LIFE TO THE SERVICE OF HIS COUNTRY AND OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY AT LARGE. HE NOURISHED GREAT AND GENEROUS DREAMS ABOUT A BETTER WORLD, AND EVEN THOSE WHO DO NOT SHARE HIS CONCEPTS ON HOW TO ACHIEVE THESE LOFTY AIMS, RESPECT AND ADMIRE HIS IDEALISM, DEDICATION, AND COURAGE.

ON THIS SAD OCCASION, I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND TO YOU, AND THROUGH YOU TO THE AMERICAN CONGRESS AND TO THE AMERICAN NATION, MY HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING AWAY OF A GREAT AMERICAN, AND SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD CONVEY MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY. SINCERELY. UNQTE. BUNKER

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PLS PASS FOL MSG FROM PRESIDENT JOHNSON TO VICE PRESIDENT KY:

1. QTE ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEP GRATITUDE FOR YOUR MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY ON THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY. OUR LOSS HAS INDEED BEEN GREAT, AND WE WELCOME YOUR KIND THOUGHTS IN OUR TIME OF GRIEF. LYNDON B. JOHNSON. UNQTE.

2. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY VICE PRESIDENT KY.

3. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS TEXT OF KY'S MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT: QTE PLEASE ACCEPT EXCELLENCY MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY ON THE DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY. I CAN WELL APPRECIATE WHAT A GREAT LOSS THIS MUST BE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. UNQTE. RUSK

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Reply to Message of Sympathy from
Vice President Ky

Attached is a suggested message from the President to Vice President Ky of South Viet-Nam, replying to the latter's message of sympathy on the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

A similar message of sympathy from President Thieu has also been received, for which the standard reply has already been prepared. While the President may not ordinarily reply directly to a Vice Presidential message as well, we think in this case it would be highly desirable, given the present delicate situation between Thieu and Ky and our own somewhat delicate position in the matter. The President last week sent messages to both expressing condolences on the accidental killing of six Vietnamese officers by a rocket from a U.S. helicopter June 2.

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Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Suggested Reply
2. Message from Vice President Ky

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Suggested Reply

Mr. Vice President:

On behalf of the people of the United States,
I express my deep gratitude for your message of
sympathy on the tragic death of Senator Robert F.
Kennedy. Our loss has indeed been great, and we
welcome your kind thoughts in our time of grief.

Sincerely,

His Excellency
Nguyen Cao Ky,
Vice President of the
Republic of Vietnam.

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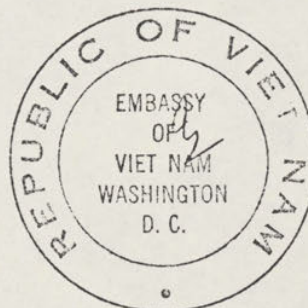
The Embassy of the Republic of Vietnam presents its compliments to the Department of State and has the honor to request the Department's kind assistance in transmitting the following message from H.E. Nguyen Cao Ky, Vice President of Vietnam, to H.E. Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States of America.

"Please accept Excellency my deepest sympathy on the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Stop I can well appreciate what a great loss this must be to the people of the United States of America."

The Embassy of the Republic of Vietnam avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Department of State the assurances of its highest consideration.

The Department of State
Washington, D. C.

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